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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0491

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GB, TP

SUBJ: GABON AND SAO TOME

1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION MARCH 13, PRESIDENT BONGO TOLD ME HE HAD SPOKEN SHARPLY TO GSTP PRIMIN TROVOADA ABOUT POSITIONS ADOPTED BY GSTP IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT, HE TOLD TROVOADA POINTEDLY THAT GSTP HAD SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO ADOPT "REVOLUTIONARY" POSTURE IF IT CHOSE, BUT THAT HE (BONGO) BELIEVED THIS WOULD CAUSE THEM NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. GABON, FOR ONE, IS WILLING TO HELP STP AND IS ALREADY DOING SO, BUT BONGO IMPLIED THAT GABON'S RESPONSIVENESS WOULD BE CONDITIONED BY GSTP'S POLITICAL ORIENTATION.

3. COMMENT: WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT BONGO'S WORDS WILL HAVE DESIRED IMPACT ON GSTP, WHICH HAS THUS FAR ALIGNED ITSELF AUTOMATICALLY IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES WITH OTHER (AND MORE RADICAL) FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES. BONGO AND GOG ARE CERTAINLY BEST PLACED TO INFLUENCE GSTP, AND  
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WE WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS.STEIGMAN

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